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## **Qatar**

## **Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards**

## **"Export Certificates" Report**

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**Report Highlights:**

Qatar requires that a Health and a Country of Origin certificate as well as the original Bill of Lading, invoice and packing list, accompany each food shipment. A Halal slaughter certificate is required for meat and poultry shipments. The Qatar Embassy must notarize each certificate.

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**SECTION I: REQUIRED EXPORT CERTIFICATES**

<b>Products</b>	<b>Title of Certificate</b>	<b>Attestation Required On Certificate</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Requesting Ministry</b>
Dry pea, lentil, Rice, seeds, fresh fruits & vegetables	Phytosanitary Certificate	This is to certify that the plant(s) products described above: - have been inspected according to appropriate procedures, and - are considered to be free from quarantine pests particularly free from other injurious pests, and - are considered to conform to Phytosanitary regulations of the importing contracting party	Pest and insect free confirmation	Public Health Directorate, Ministry of Health
All products	Country of Origin Certificate	The goods are of "xxx" origin	Country of origin confirmation	Customs Authority
All products	Health Certificate	The goods have been prepared and shipped under sanitary conditions, do not contain harmful ingredients, and are fit for human consumption.	Health Certificate	Public Health Directorate, Ministry of Health, Customs Authority
All Products imported from Europe	Radioactivity Certificate 1/	The goods have been tested for radioactivity and found to be safe for human consumption Cs- 134: < 10 Bp/kg Cs- 137: < 10 Bp/kg	Health Certificate for products coming from Europe only	Customs Authority
Meat & Poultry Products	Export Health Certificate	Animals were slaughtered and processed in accordance to U.S. health regulations	Product produced under hygienic conditions	Customs Authority, Health Department
Meat & Poultry Products	Halal Slaughter Certificate	Animals were slaughtered in accordance to Islamic/Sharia laws & requirements	Product produced in accordance with Sharia Law confirmation	Customs Authority

1/ Required for products originating from Europe only

Note: Products originating from the U.S. are exempt from this certification requirement.

**SECTION II: PURPOSE OF SPECIFIC EXPORT CERTIFICATE**

See Section I above.

**SECTION III: SPECIFIC ATTESTATION REQUIRED ON THE EXPORT CERTIFICATE**

- Halal Slaughter, Health and Country of Origin certificates need to be notarized by the Qatar Embassy/Consulate (or any other Arab Embassy/Consulate in the absence of the Qatar Embassy) in the United States
- See Appendix for certificate samples.

**SECTION IV: GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATE LEGAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- Original certificates must accompany shipment at the time of entry. Sometimes importers are allowed to have the documents sent to their banks.
- Certificates are used for only the accompanying shipment since it carries the details of the shipments.
- U.S. 'State' issued export certificates are acceptable
- Modification to any certificate is not permitted once issued and shipped accompanying the product.

**SECTION V: OTHER CERTIFICATION/ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Original invoice, Bill of Lading and Packing List are required to accompany the above-referenced certificates to meet documentation requirements of the Customs Authority for the release of the shipment.
- Export Health certificate issued by the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA, for meat and poultry products exported from the U.S.
- Export Sanitary/Phytosanitary Health certificate issued by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), USDA, for animals, plants or products thereof exported from the U.S.

**Appendix A.**

Below are "samples" of certificates accepted by Qatar officials in address of Section I requirements. The standardized export health certificates issued FSIS and APHIS are not repeated here.

Note: At present Qatar does not require a specific format for any certificate. Qatar seeks only the information provided therein with authentication by the Qatar Embassy/Consulate.

## Sample Country of Origin Certificate

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## CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

CAR/EXPORTER   		DOCUMENT NO. EXPORT <b>BOOKING NO. NOL030636</b>	
SIGNEE   		FORWARDING AGENT - REFERENCES  	
BUY PARTY   		POINT AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN <b>GOODS ARE ENTIRELY OF U.S.A. ORIGIN.</b>	
FOR AIRPORT  		WE CERTIFY THAT THE GOODS SHIPPED ARE <b>ENTIRELY OF U.S.A. ORIGIN.</b>	
ORIGIN CARRIER (Vessel/Airline)	PORT OF LOADING <b>NEW ORLEANS, LA</b>	ONWARD INLAND ROUTING	
SEA PORT OF DISCHARGE <b>DUBAI, U.A.E.</b>	FOR TRANSHIPMENT TO		

PKGS AND NUMBERS	NO. OF PKGS.	DESCRIPTION OF PACKAGES AND GOODS	GROSS WEIGHT	MEASUREMENT
<b>DB-32 DUBAI</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20FT CONTAINER NO. MSC11 342507-3</b>  <b>SEAL NO. 1918411</b>  <b>FREIGHT PREPAID</b> <b>CONTRACT NO. 03-135WW</b>  <b>ON BOARD NAMED VESSEL</b> <b>DATE 05-10-05 BY</b>  <b>NO SED REQUIRED-AES-X20050510006499</b>  <b>THESE COMMODITIES, TECHNOLOGY, OR SOFTWARE WERE EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS. DIVERSION CONTRARY TO U.S. LAW PROHIBITED.</b>	<b>1 LBS KGS</b>	<b>1000CFT 28.32CM</b>

The undersigned \_\_\_\_\_ (Owner or Agent), does hereby declare for the above named shipper, the goods  
 as described above were shipped on the above date and consigned as indicated and are products of the United States of America  
 dated at **NEW ORLEANS, LA** on the **12TH** day of \_\_\_\_\_


SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR AGENT

The **GREATER NEW ORLEANS INC.**, a recognized Chamber of Commerce  
 under the laws of the State of **LOUISIANA**, has examined the manufacturer's invoice or shipper's affidavit con-  
 cerning the origin of the merchandise, and, according to the best of its knowledge and belief, finds that the products named origin-  
 ated in the United States of North America.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
Secretary

## Sample Health Certificate

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<b>EXPORT CERTIFICATE</b>	<b>STATE OF LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOOD AND DRUG UNIT 6867 BLUEBONNET BOULEVARD BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70810</b>	
<b><u>HEALTH CERTIFICATE</u></b>		
10 MAY 2005 DATE		
<p>This is to certify that the product(s) listed below has (have) been registered with this office in accordance with the requirements of the State Food, Drug and Cosmetic Law, Title 40, Chapter 4, Part I, Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (amended) (LSA R.S. 40:627) and may be legally sold in the State of Louisiana.</p>		
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/>		
Exporting Firm Name		
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/>		
Address		
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/>		
Product(s)	Manufacturer, Packer or Distributor	Registration Number
		296-F
SHIPMENT IS DESTINED FOR U.A.E.		
WE CERTIFY THAT THE GOODS SHIPPED ARE FRESH PRODUCTION AND ARE FIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.		
Certified By:		
<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 0;"/> Program Manager, Food & Drug Unit		



## Sample Halal Slaughter Certificate

Logo of Establishment

Name of the Est.

شعار المؤسسة

اسم المؤسسة

شهادة ذبـح حلال

## HALAL SLAUGHTERING CERTIFICATE

..... certifies that the under mentioned shipment of meat Beef / Veal / Buffalo / Sheep / Mutton / Goat / Poultry has been slaughtered according to Islamic Rites, in the presence and under direct supervision of its authorized representative appointed in the area indicated below. Accordingly, this meat is HALAL and suitable for consumption by Muslims in any part of the world. In confirmation there of each animal's carcass/carton is branded with ..... official Halal Seal. Adequate precautions were taken to prevent its contamination with non-Halal meat and the slaughtering process has been completed in a place where pigs slaughtering is prohibited.

تشهد..... بأن شحنة لحم ..... الأبقار / العجول / الجاموس / الأغنام / الماعز / الدواجن الميت أدناه قد تم ذبحها وفقاً لأحكام الشريعة الإسلامية، وذلك بحضور ممثلها المفوض وتمت إشرافه المباشر في المنطقة المبيحة أدناه، تحسباً لحلال وصالحه للاستهلاك لكافة المسلمين في أي بقعة في العالم. وتأكيداً لذلك تم وضع ختم الحلال الخاص على كل ذبيحة / صندوق، واتخذت الاحتياطات اللازمة لمنع امتلأها باللحم غير الحلال وأن عملية الذبح قد تمت في مكان لا يسمح فيه بذبح الخنازير.

OFFICIAL HALAL SEAL .....

ختم الحلال الرسمي .....

تفاصيل الشحنة

Consignment Details:- .....

الكمية - نوعها - وصفها

Quantity - Quality - Description :- .....

الوزن الصافي

Net Weight .....

الوزن الإجمالي

Gross Weight .....

وسيلة النـقل

Shipping .....

رقم الرحلة الجوية / البحرية

Voyage / Flight No. ....

ميناء الشحن

Loading Port .....

ميناء التوزيع (الوصول)

Destination .....

المستورد

Importer .....

المصدر

Exporter .....

اسم ورقم المذبح

Name &amp; No. of Slaughter house .....

الشركة المنتجة والمصنع

Producing Company &amp; Plant .....

تاريخ الذبح

Slaughtering Date

تاريخ الإنتاج

Production Date

تاريخ الانتهاء

Expiry Date

يوم Day	شهر Month	سنة Year

.....Code

رقم الشهادة الصحية

Health Certificate No. ....

اسم مراقب الذبح

Slaughtering Supervisor .....

التوقيع

SIGNATURE .....

المندوب المفوض

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF .....